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## **Workforce Development Council**

## **Executive Committee**

Meeting Notes - 12/8/08

Leadership Committee Update: Chip Distributed a near final draft of the Leadership Committee Report. The Executive Committee agreed that this was a good response to the requirements in Act 46, and approved it to go forward to the Governor and Legislature, but agreed that the process was laborious and could be improved upon and simplified. Chip explained that the Leadership Committee itself agreed that this committee is redundant with the WDC Executive Committee in both purpose and membership and that they also agree with Pat's suggestion that the Leadership Committee's responsibilities be assumed by the WDC Executive Committee. This will require a change in Section 6 of the legislation and that we make an effort to accomplish this. The idea of asking for flexibility in the allocation of funds between the Career Awareness and Alternative Tech Ed funding was also discussed and agreed to. It was pointed out that the current 55%/45% split causes difficulty because there are many more Career Awareness applications than there are for Alternative and Intensive technical Education

Jan. 22 Full Council Meeting at the Statehouse: The plans for a Next Generation Recognition Event at the Winter WDC meeting were discussed and it was agreed that this year this be scheduled before the meeting at 12:30 instead of after the meeting as was done last year, in hopes of getting more legislators to attend. It was also agreed that this year we invite individuals who are participating in programs to speak since this communicates the program benefits very powerfully. For the meeting itself it was agreed to have few additional presenters, then reports on Next Generation programs and a n employer panel on Green jobs. Chip will prepare a revised agenda for the January Executive Committee meeting

**Update on WIA Summer Youth:** Chip reported that the Youth Council approved the RFP for the Summer Youth program with the revision that applicants be asked to asked to describe how they will coordinate their efforts with other organization s in the region s that serve the same population. He reported that the RFP will be released before the holidays and advertised in statewide newspapers. There is about \$115,000 available this year. Jerry requested that performance data on the outcomes for each grantee from last year be provided to the review committee.

**VDOL Budget - Effects on Programs and WIBs:** Tom Douse and Chip explained the recent budget rescissions and the effects on the next Generation Programs and WIBs. Chip suggested that to keep the paperwork process simple and to expedite the process, that we cut each WIB by

\$600.00, and this was agreed to. Tom explained that there are several rescissions to the current year's budget and that the expectation is for additional cuts for FY '10. In total this could amount to 15% to 20% that the administration will propose. All of this is in a state of flux and will become clearer once the Governor delivers his budget to the Legislature in late January.